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For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING DECOMPOSITION
OF NATRIERETIC PEPTIDES AND
IMPROVED METHOD FOR ASSAYING
NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES WITH THE USE
OF THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert -This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP98/01470 which has an International filing date of March 31, 1998, which designated the United States of America.-